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ALEXANDRIA: THURSDAY MORNING, MARCH 11, 1858

The proceedings of the Virginia Legislature, on Monday, were orderly, and looked like commencing business in earnest. They were summarily stated in a despatch from Richmond, in Tuesday's Gazette. The House of Delegates is to have two sessions each day. The internal improvement bills are to be taken up in order on the 17th. The bills before both Houses have been re-instated. Now, gentlemen, to work! The course of Gov. Wise, in immediately calling an extra session, is very generally commended.

The "Union" contends that there are three palpable requirements growing out of the movement upon Utah: I. That Col. Johnston must be reinforced: II. That he and the troops sent forward for that purpose must be supplied with provisions; and III. That the provision trains must be protected at all cost and hazard. It is not impossible that the Mormons may throw a formidable force in the rear of Colonel Johnston, not to intercept the reinforcements, but, understanding the difficulties of our position, to destroy the provision trains which the government is bound, alike by covenant and by necessity, to protect. With these facts it argues that, "With thirty millions of people and an enrolled militia numbering one million and a half, it would seem not only out of place to object to a standing force of scarcely more than fifteen thousand men, to be employed on five thousand miles of Indian frontier, but, we had almost said, supremely abourd and ridiculous."

A scrap of political history is revived by a writer in the Richmond Whig of Saturday. In 1808, James Madison, the author of the celebrated Resolutions and Report of 1798-'99, the text book of the Secessionists, was elected President of the United States. On the 8th day of December of that year, the Electors of Virginia, at the head of whom was Spencer Roane, one of the Judges of the Supreme Court, and a leader of the State-Rights party, met in Richmond to cast the vote of the State. They dined together at toasts and made speeches. Among the regular toasts prepared for the occasion and "drunk with approbation by the company," was the following: "The Union of the States: The majority must govern: IT IS TREASON TO RECEDE !

We are beginning to get, at last, a true picture of Senator Douglas's mind and intel--not dissimilar from the Whig estimate

Among the attentions paid to the Turkish

Admiral, Mohammed Pasha, during his reformed several years ago—the correctness of cention in the Governor's room by the Mayor. lect (politically) from Democratic authority mere bustings politician, un gros paysan, never rising above the most common place argumentum ad captandum hominem. When it can be ventured upon with impunity, he brutum fulmen. Mr. Douglas never appre hended a principle or comprehended a theory. Philosophy is a sealed book to him, statesmanship a mere word, and not a noble science."

The Richmond South is down upon Mr. Millson, of the Norfolk District, and asks if his constituents "mean to acquiesce in the conduct of a Representative who chooses to learn a trade. It is stated that the Prince desert the Administration and the party, his colleagues and his section, on an issue which involves every interest for which a Southern Democrat can feel solicitude." As yet, we Hauel, at Berlin. have seen no symptoms of disapprobation in Mr. Millson's district.

The Howard Association of Philadelphia, is said to be a well managed honorable Institution. We have found the managers exceedingly prompt and liberal, in all business rendered, he was frightfully injured. transactions. The work in which they are engaged, is a good one, and we wish them much success. See notice in our advertising columns.

In view of the expected triumph of the Administration, in the admission of Kansas into the Union, under the Lecompton Con- transaction yet made. stitution, the Richmond South claims the credit of the victory to the "State Rights Party of the South.

The preacher of the M. E. Church at Leesburg, Va., did not attend the conference at principally of fire-works and illuminations, Washington, because he preferred attending which are to continue from the 6th to the to the cervices where he is stationed, where a revival is going on. His course is much ap-

proved of Rev. W. M. Baum, of Philadelphia, has accepted the call of the Lutheran congregation of Winchester, and will enter upon the discharge of his duties about the first of May February.

Paul, a colored man, who has been in the poor house of Montgomery county, Va., for several years, died a few days ago. He was somewhere near 120 years old, and was

familiar with the scenes of the revolution. We have received the March number of the North American Medico-Chirurgical Re-

view; also, the Annual Report of the American Colonization Society. The contractors are pushing ahead on the Cumberland Gap Railroad, between Mocca-

sin Gap and the head of Troublesome Creek, with exemplary diligence. On Wednesday night, the jail in Suffolk

county, Va., was broken open, and three no- the Purser could make no use of them. torious scoundrels made their escape. Bill Hudgins, a negro, 22 years old, 7 feet

in height, and weighing 240 pounds, has arrived in Norfolk from Matthews county.

Three slaves, convicted of arson at Lynchburg, Va., have been sentenced to be hung.

The past Winter appears to have been very severe in all parts of Europe. Shad are retailing in Portsmouth at prices

cauging from 25 to 50 cents.

News of the Day.

To show the very age and body of the TIMES." We learn that the board, appointed by the Secretary of the Navy, a few months since, to prepare a code of regulations for the govern. House and galleries were crowded to suffoto the seventh article of the Lecompton Conrequires steady nerves and a firm brain, met from some temporary cause, and the engine ment of the navy, have made their report .- cation. A moment after the adjournment, It is understood that the board have disagreed upon some of the most important measures considered necessary-chiefly with laws, of the medical and disbursing officers to the officers of the line.

procedings had in their special meetings from sign the call on the Governor, but as the time to time, together with the resolutions which were voted down by the committee, and will ask the House to increase the committee

Accounts from Asia Minor describe snow storms, in one of which a Greek monastery was buried, and five monks had to be excavated by the Turks. At Malta snow, which had not fallen since the Russian campaign of 1812, was some feet high, and accompanied with hail and tempests.

A thrilling incident occurred during the progress of the late fire in Petersburg. After escaping from the building, Mrs. Cairns recollected that a colored girl, some ten or twelve years of age, was asleep in an upper chamber, and told this to her son Mr. William Cairns. The smoke rendered it impossible to reach any portion of the upper story by the stairways; so a long ladder was soon procured, which Captain Mott ascended, but saw nothing, of the child. Mr. Cairns then went up, and dashing into the room, could see nothing, so blinding was the smoke, but heard faint moans of distress. Groping his way to the spot from whence the sounds proceeded, he seized the child who was prostrated on the floor, and emerging from the

window quickly descended the ladder. On Wednesday night last, the store of the Baltimore Manufacturing Company, situate at Nepper Falls, in Baltimore county, about twenty miles from the city, near the Baltied therein, consisting of linen, silks, &c. it is presumed the Potomac has a good deal Having secured the articles, the burglars of ice in it.

LOOKER ON. Having secured the articles, the burglars built a fire in the centre of the floor, near a pile of osnaburgs, near which was placed a bag of powder, containing some 25 pounds. The fire communicating to the goods, undermined them, and the pile falling extinguished the flames, fortunately saving the building from destruction.

Wason & Co., of Springfield, Mass., will ship this week ten passenger cars which they France. have contracted for with the Pasha of Egypt to build for the Alexandria and Cairo Rail road. The cars are packed in boxes, and two workmen go out in the same ship. remaining thirty cars are to be built and forwarded before the 1st of July. A splendid perished. drawing of the cars is sent to the Pasha, and will doubtless please the old fellow very much.

A German woman at Elizabeth, N J., who the old Swan Tavern, and as usual drank has for years subsisted upon the private charity of the public, which she gained by her squalid poverty and apparent necessities, recently died, and on examination into her effects, there was found among them \$10,000 to \$12,000 in excellent bonds and mortgages upon the best of property. Leaving no been a bookkeeper in the Bank for fifteen ment of the receipts and expenditures durbeirs, the money will revert to the city in

which used to be denied, but is now adopted, and City Council of New York, was the takeven in an exaggerated form. For instance, ing of a daguerrectype likeness of himselfand mediate prospect of arrangements being the Union says:-"Senator Douglas is a suite. People of ordinary courtesy will be made for expediting the transportation of the apt to consider this an indignity to the distinguished guest, but then New York has its peculiar ways of treating a "lion."

Capt. Ledbetter, chief of police at Petererelieves his common places with blustering burg, Va., having offended some of the youngsters, of that city, they proceeded on Saturday evening, with ridiculous formality to burn him in effigy. The only harm done was the consuming of some old clothes and boots, and rendering all the participants the laughing-stock of sensible people.

According to an ancient usage in Prussia, all the Princes of the royal family must Frederick William, just married to the Princess Royal of England, learned the trade of a compositor in the printing office of Mr.

A young man named Phillip W. Thomas, aged eighteen years, employed in the machinery department, Mount Clare Station, Baltimore, met with a serious accident on Monday, by being caught in the bands of one of the wheels, and before assistance could be

A New York correspondent of the Philadelphia North American states that the Collins steamers will be bought in by Messrs. Brown, Brothers & Co, who will continue the line, &c., &c. The New York Courier says that this report has no foundation in any

A letter from Malta, of February 6th, says: This being the nineteenth century of St. Paul's shipwreck in Malta, grand preparations are making to celebrate it, consisting

The Glasgow Herald states that David and the late too well known firm of the Macdonalds, sewed muslin manufacturers, have tra peferred their industry to the New World, having sailed for New York on the 13th of

Sunday afternoon. The fire broke out about half-past two o'clock in the roof, the wood work having caught fire from a defective stove-pipe.

The bark Osprey sailed from Boston on Saturday for Aspinwall, with 400 tons of ice .--There is a large and increasing demand for ice for household consumption on the Isthmus of Panama and the country adjacent. It is mostly sent from Boston.

Sixty-five thousand dollars in Treasury notes of \$500 and \$1,000, sent from Washington to pay off the employees of the Navy Yard at Norfolk, were returned, in conse- she was married to that gentleman, to proquence of the amount being so large that nounce the word "obey" in the marriage ser-

The captain of the Leander, which was sunk off Holyhead by the steamer North American, has entered an action in the Admiralty Court against the owners of the however, agreed to take her on her own terms,

John Dean, the coachman, whose romantic marriage with the wealthy and accomplished Miss Boker, of New York, created a sensa- following after and mingling with fanatics, tion some time since, is said to be filling the and free soilers, and women's rights men, humble office of marker in the public stores in | and women's rights women—one of the lat-

Letter from Richmond. Correspondence of the Alexandria Gazette. RICHMOND, March 9, 1859 .- The session of the General Assembly was closed on Saturday night, at 91 o'clock, sine die. The

the Speaker stated that he had a communication from the Governor, which the Clerk reference to the relative position, under the would read. It turned out to be a Proclamation for an Extra Session, which took the anti-Internal Improvement party a good deal Mr. Harris, from the Kansas Select Com- by surprise. It was apparent previous to mittee, will, it is said, report to the House the the adjournment that they were willing to stitution. paper was carefully put away, they could not do so; nor was it intended they should, as it was known that the Governor would take the responsibility of doing the very thing they did not expect he would do, and did not wish him to do. This was a bold move of the Governor, and Wise stock has advanced from zero up to 75 per cent. within the last twenty four hours. He had hardly a Democratic friend in the House within a week-now he has many: tesides, the Whige admire him very much, as an honest, straight-forward, hard working man, who dares to do right, and speaks his sentiments right or wrong, whether they suit the Democracy or not, or any body else.

To-day, the House agreed to take up all bills as they were left-appointed the same absurd. officers-and in twenty-four hours matters will be as far advanced as when the House adjourned. The House has sent back all Senate bills, and the Senate all House bills him. not acted on, which must go through the

motions of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd readings. I think the session will hold till the 25th or 30th of March, and adjourn finally, or till will all finally pass. The prospect now is that they will; as there seems to be a better temper than prevailed at the close of the regular session. The internal improvement bills never be abolished, except by the consent of will not be acted on till the middle of next every slaveholder in the State. week. Notice was given for the taking up of the bill for the Covington and Ohio Road, on Wednesday, the 17th. A good many members will be absent this week. It is now snowing more and Philadelphia turopike, was broken hard, and as the mails from Alexandria into and robbed of all the valuables contain- have failed for the last twenty-four hours, of ice in it.

Telegraphic Despatches.

New ORLEANS, March 8 .-- The Mississippi is three feet eight inches below high water mark.

NEW ORLEANS, March 8 .- The exports of 11.000. There are but few orders here from publican. Boston, March 9 .- All the crew of the

ship Ocean Bird, which went ashore on Long Beach, except the captain and one hand, were picked up at sea, and have arrived here in safety. It was feared that all the rest had

Boston, March 9 -The steamer America's mails will be kept open till Wednesday noon, She will take no specie of consequence. A large amount of Amercan stocks, including two hundred thousand dollars of Erie bonds, will be remitted by a single house.

New York, March 9 .- A large deficit in the funds of the Union Bank was discovered here to-day, which has been kept concealed by means of a series of false balances in one of the ledgers. The accused party has upon the Post Office Department for a stateyears, and the principal default, singlar to ing the fiscal year ending June 30th, 1857. loss of the bank is large, though not equal | municated by States. The result is extreme-

WASHINGTON, March 9 -There is no immails between Washington and Boston. As a preliminary, a reform in the Southern mail sevice is sought to be effected.

The Senate to-day confirmed the nomination of Mr. Cook, postmaster at Chicago. The President has appointed Wm. Selden, narshal, and Wm. Flinn, navy agent, for the District of Columbia.

The Treasury Department has decided that hemp, carpeting, caustic, soda and black copying books are entitled to entry at 15

per cent. The grand jury are engaged in the investigation of the case of Ex-Lieut. Rhind for sending a challenge to Commander Boutwell. Hermann H. Heath, editor of the Northwest Newspaper, has been confirmed as postmaster at Dubuque.

St. Louis. March 8 .- The Missouri river is now open, and the new packet line steamers running in connection with the Pacific railway from Jefferson city to St. Joseph's, 414.47, against one of nearly two and a half can Fremont organ, the New York Herald. will commence running regular daily tripto-morrow.

SUFFERN STATION, N. Y., March 8 .by his brother-in-law, Peter Benjamin, yesterday. Both men were intoxicated.

Boston, March 8 .- Chapman, who was stabbed by Gould in an affray on the 26th ult., died at 5 o'clock this evening.

Gov. Wise. Whatever may be said of the failings, eccentricities and aberrations of our Governor, he is certainly a man for an emergency.table will, he meets his responsibilities at all agances, he sometimes, by a well timed, and judicious exercise of power, proves himself to be worthy of it. In his present official re lations with the people there is a mixture not exactly in equal parts, of good and evil in his Robert Macdonald, the leading partners of deeds. His reprehensible musket proceeding is partially off-setted by his commendable Proclamation of Saturday. His anti-Le-compton epistles are partially balanced by his true Virginian "hog chops and turnip tops" effusion which we commented on a week ago. In fact, all his gubernatorial ermond. We have no reference in this connecpublic patience in the affair of the "Three Messages," because in his speech on Saturday evening he confesses the sin and alludes wise .- Petersburg Int.

"The Musical World says that Lucy Stone honors the wife of George Bancroft, the historian, and as rampant a free soiler as Senator Seward himself, for refusing, when vice, and when directed to do so by the offiing, 'I won't.' Under the circumstances, the clergyman declined to marry her, when she coolly said she 'would wait.' The bistorian, them married, 'obey' forming no part of the marriage contract. No wonder Lucy Stone and no wonder we see the great his e ian ter, it seems, being his 'better half.'"

Mr. Foster (Conn.) said he would never give his assent to the admission of another elave state north of 36° 30'. He considered THEDRAL SPIRE .-- Mr. Thos. Kingston, who for Baltimore. When near the Union dam, himself bound by the ordinance of 1787, and would never recognize its repeal. Referring putting up lightning rods, which, of course, of these trains slacked its speed somewhat stitution, asserting the right of property in slaves, he said that the principle enunciated the most singular presence of mind, or rather approach could be entirely checked. The was a reproach to the age. It would have supernatural instinct, he would have fallen front train so struck was in charge of Mr. been outrageous to have incorporated such a from a dizzy height, and been dashed to Ebber', conductor, and Mr. Marsh, engineer, principle even in a Constitution made for a pieces. He is compelled to climb roofs, over and the colluding train of Mr. Hewitt, con-Southern State. He alluded to the clause in the Bill of Rights declaring that no free negro shall live in the territory, and thought it a strange clause to exist in a Republican Con-

Mr. Green (Mo.) reminded him that the same provision exists in the Topeka Constitu-

Mr. Foster was not advised that the Topeka Constitution had been received by the Senate; he didu't believe it contained such a clause. There is no question, he continued, that by the Lecompton Constitution free negroes must be killed.

Mr. Green asked if the Senator contended that free pegroes entering the tree States, having provisions forbiding them, as Illinois, for instance, must be killed?

be exiled, and that no free negre can live there. Mr. Green-The Senator's argument is

Mr. Trumbull explained, that the law of not in the Constitution. The law disposes of

Mr. Green--How?

Mr. Trumbull-Hires him out.

Mr. Green-Kansas will do the same. Mr. Foster proceeded, reading the clause providing for a change in the Constitution, his scattered thoughts and subverted conbe hoped that the internal improvement bills and contending that the direct meaning is sciousness, to know that the entire upper that the people may alter everything but the part of the rod bad fallen upon his head, slavery clause. Slavery is to be perpetual - | causing the blood to trickle over his forehead, Establish that constitution, and slavery can and nearly blind him. He was in a dread-

Mr. Mason asked if the Senator understood that Congress has the power to look into State Conventions, with the view of determining the relations of persons held in servitude. He (Mason) asked for the information of his people as to the Senator's view-.

has within itself principles at war with the so determined to make at least an effort for principles of liberty, Congress had the right to reject it.

Mr. Mason said the reply threw a flood of light on the principles actuating the Republand the greatest danger, the touched the top lican party. If he understood the Senator, most round of the ladder, and in a few se Congress had the power to decide whether a conds more was inside of the steeple, and safe. otton bence to Liverpool last week, were government was republican in form, and 30,000 bales; from Mobile the exports were that if it established slavery, it was not restrength forsook him; his nerves and muscle

Mr. Foster did not think his language was susceptible of such an inference. He repeated that where a territory applied for ad- He most have lain there half an hour before mission with a Constitution at war with the he could rise and walk, and he did not replainest principles of liberty he could not cov r from the shock for more than a fortcall it republican, and would not admit it.

Mr. Mason-Not Republican! Mr. Foster-Not republican, because not recognizing the principles of freedom. He ting in the extreme. When they observed was not prepared to go to the extreme extent the rod fall, a thrill of horror ran through that a State may be excluded on the ground | their hearts, and two women swooned away, alone that it recognized slavery. He con-cluded by saying that he wouldn't vote for moment dashed to pieces at their feet. Des-

The Post Office -- Interesting Statistics.

The Committee of Ways and Means in the House of Representatives, recently called say, occurred ten years since. The total with a view to having the information comthem grouped together by the Washington John A. Dix, the Free-soil candidate for gov-

"The entire receipts of the year from all the States and Territories amounted to \$7,-The gross expenditure amounted to \$9,884, proclaimed in letters and speeches that no 942.22, including transportation, salaries, and more slave States should ever come into the the immediate expe ses of the various offices. Of this amount \$4,131,762 12 accrued in the slave States, and \$5,753,180,10 in the free ination of Lewis Cass for the Presiden-

the year amounted to \$2,814,574.41. The excess of expenses over receipts in the slave States was \$2,439.593 18, while in the free States it was \$374,981 23. This latter item should be divided in order to Toombs and others of that ilk, were denounce place the free States on a fair footing with ing the "vile Democracy" in the South the slave States, as the expense of transpor- Now, for sooth, these gentlemen claim more tation in the Territories must necessarily be rights in the Democratic church than they much greater than in any other section of are willing to concede to its old and consisthe country. Properly, then, the deficit in tent worshippers, and with an unparalleled the Territories was \$179,566.76, leaving a presumption assume to read those of the true d-ficit in the free States proper of \$195,-

millions of dollars in the slave States. "The States of Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York, and Pennsyl- gard to such usurption. - Washington States Samuel Ritner, was shot through the heart vania, the District of Columbia and Washington Territory, are the only ones in which the receipts exceed the gross expenses, which they respectively do in the following amounts, viz :- Massachusetts, \$178,650 23 Rhode Island, \$23,097 26; Connecticut, \$27. 776 19; New York, \$433,533.75; Pennsylvania, \$27,650.61; District of Columbia, \$6,-

076.96; and Washington Territory, \$947.68. "The largest receipts in any State were, of course, in New York, amounting to \$1, With an unshrinking energy and an indomi- 503,444,42. Pennsylvania comes next, her receipts amounting to \$629,154.54. Of points; and if under the excitement of his course, the expenses in these two States were impetuous impulses be frequently overleaps | also the largest. The full report from the all bounds and rushes into dictatorial extrav- Department will embrace many other matters of interest .- Rich. Whig.

Movement of the Earth. The mildness of the present season has drawn forth many curious speculations as to the causes. A change of the currents of the ocean, and the approach of the Gulf stream. by fifty miles or more towards our coast, have been announced as remarkable facts. which may have some relation to the subject. We will now add another still more curious fact for the consideration of our read-The old Episcopal ("Trinity") Church at rantries and rampancies are relieved considers: "The British Astronomer Reyal, in his Woodbridge, N. J., was destroyed by fire on erably by those inspirations of his better ge- last annual report, refers to certain mysteriniue, which breathe in such appeals as those ous changes of level and direction of one which on two recent memorable occasions be of the instruments, one occurring with chanhas addressed to crowded gatherings in Rich- ges of temperature, the other at the equinoxes, and he imagines some movement of tion to his outrageous imposition upon the the earth itself to be the cause of these remarkable phenomena." Those who are acquainted with the perfection of the instruments used in great Observatories, the perto it in terms rather penitential than other- manancy of the direction of the transit and equatorial instruments, and the accuracy of the measurements, depending on their accuracy, will understand that these mysterious amendment with the utmost heartiness and changes alluded to, are in the bighest degree | cordiality, and thus alludes to its value to important and astounding. Is the earth the Abolition party: c anging the inclination of its axis?

James Barbour, esq., of Culpeper. The thanks of every friend of the Orange and Alexandria Railroad in the State, is due ciating clergyman, for emphatically exclaim- to the talented, efficient, and popular delegate from the county of Culpeper. From the day of his entrance into the House, down to the last hours of the session he has worked continually for his scheme, and by his has been called) the entire success of the bill

FEARFUL EXPERIENCE OF A LIGHTNING ROD MAN-Ilis ASCENT TO THE SUMMIT OF A CA- motives left Martinsburg, with their trains for several years has followed the business of about two miles above Ellicott's Mills, one with an accident recently, by which but for following ran into the rear of it before its chimneys, and up spires and fix a rod, with ductor, and Mr. Hand, engineer. Ebbert's perfect coolness and precision, hundreds of feet above the level of the earth. On the occasion to which we refer, Mr. K.

spire is about two hundred and thirty-five feet high, near the head of Brondway, and road. This car was the last one in the train, ladder below, he clung by his arms and legs, fastened the last foot of the rod, and attached its point-quite a heavy piece of metal-se- the drovers, warned then to escape by jumpcurely, as he supposed, to the cross sur- ing off. The only persons, however, who had berland Coal and Iron Company's Railroad mounting the steeple. He had just comple ted this difficult and dangerous task, watched by a number of persons in the street below, and while looking at the work and experien- tirst to attempt his escape. cing that satisfaction which results from bazard passed and labor accomplished, of a Mr. Foster-the Lecompton Constitution sudden something heavy struck him and says as much. It says that no freeman can made his brain reel until he could hardly see. Instead of losing his hold at once, as would seem to have been the natural and inevitable result, he clung with a power beyond himself, and a will superior to his own, closer and instinctively to the spire. He Illinois provided for a free negro. It was knew not what had occurred, and to his confused senses it appeared that the steeple was tumbling, or that some strange cause was about to bring the vast structure to the ground.

Some forty seconds-an age to him-must have elapsed before he sufficiently collected ful perplexity and most dangerous position. He feared, if he moved, he would go cleaving the air to a terrible death upon the stony street below-and at the same time he knew he could not, in the disordered state of his nerves, and his increasing weakness, retain his grasp, more the result of fate than of feeling, much longer. If he stirred he might Mr. Foster explained, that if the Territory fall; if he remained, he certainly would; and his life, he put forth one foot very cautiously, then his arms, and then moved the other foot; and after half a minute of exertion,

Then it was Mr. K.'s great courage and relaxed; he grew sick unto death; his knees gave way; his vision swam, and he sank upon the platform motionless and insensible. night atterwards.

The people gazing up at him from the street, describe the scene as painful and exci tiny had ordered otherwise, and Mr. K. still pursues his dangerous avocation; but he says if he were to live a thousand years, he would never forget the intense horror of those century-like moments when he seemed to hang upon the air more than two hundred feet above the earth, and to be momentarily descending to a dreadful death .- Cincinnati

Political Reminescences. Among the principal leaders of the Lecompton party, we find the names of Hon. correspondent of the Philadelphia Enquirer: ernor of New York, in 1848; Jno. Cochrane, the author of the Buffalo platform resolutions and a notorious Free-soil leader, until be 070,367 81, of which \$5,378,198 87 were found a chance of securing a good office by from the Free States and Territories, and wheeling suddenly into the Democratic line; only \$1,692,168 94 from the slave States. and John Van Buten, who a few years ago proclaimed in letters and speeches that no

These men opposed the Democratic nom-States and Territories. The total deficit for cy in 1848, and were mainly instrumental in defeating his election, by running an opposition candidate. About the time these "Fruesoilers" were battling against Democratic measures and men in the North, Stevens, faith out of it, through their Black Republi-Go on, gentlemen; we will see presently what the Democratic masses will have to say in re-

Capt. Marcy's March to New Mexico,

Suffering and Death .- The journey of Capt. Marcy from Fort Bridger, the headquarters f the army of Utab, across the mountains New Mexico, was attended with incredible hardships. The party, numbering forty-three all told, left the fort on the 28th November, and reached Santa Fe about the 25th of January. The route they passed over had never before been traversed in mid-winter. In the mountains they encountered snow storms of great severitystorms such as the intrepid Fremont was compelled to turn his back upon. In one stretch of two hundred and fifty miles, the party waded through snow from two to five feet in depth. For eleven days they subsisted on mule and horse meat without bread or so much as a pinch of salt. It is a marvel that, notwithstanding these bardships, but one of the men died on the route, though many of them were badly frostbitten. The animals of the expedition suffered secent to New Mexico to purchase animals for as soon as his arrangements were completed. -New York Herald.

Another Movement. Read this quotation from the the Chicago Tribune-a Black Republican paper-in re ference to the doctrine of the amendment proposed by Senator Pugh, and which is said to command the acquiescence and approval of many Southern members in Congress .-That paper accepts the doctrine of that

"It is now said that the act admitting Kansas into the Union, under the Lecompton this power to overthrow constitutional bar- have for him - New York Eapress. riers, recognized by solemn act of Congress, we shall be disposed to abate our opposition Admirative Court against the owners of the latter vessel, laying his damages at £15, and the clergyman was persuaded to declare great personal influence has been the sole to Lecompton, and help it along; but with would not have been done, had he not been down for Kansas shall be applied to the Conadmires and bonors Mrs. George Bancroft, a member of the House. We do not doubt stitution of the United States, and that when for one moment (now since the extra session a majority of the legal voters of the Republic choose to demand an amendment of the for our relief, for under the control of Mr. fundamental law, the mode of amendment

Serious Railroad Accident.

On Saturday night last, nine freight locotrain had some twenty loaded cars, including a lot of twenty-four valuable horses and other live stock in charge of four or five drovers, had ascended St. Paul's Cathedral, whose who occupied a car provided for their accommodation, according to the rule upon the gone to the very top, where, having left his and was the one struck by the approaching engine. The conductor, on seeing the danger, ran into the car and hurriedly awakening time to got out of the car were Mr. George 175,23 tons; over the Cumberland and Penn. Cave the owner of the horses, and one of his men named Percival Familton, who was the

Before the conductor and the other drovers could emerge from the car the engine came up, and not having been entirely checked in its momentum, forced the drovers' car with violence upon the next car, containing barrelled alcohol. Fa ilton was caught between the corners and ends of the two cars siding in Mount Savage, was found lying on and instantly killed, his head being literally crushed off. Mr. Cave was more fortunate, though also outside the car, and, with the men inside, was not burt, though undergoing a fright that a long lifetime can hardly efface. The two rear cars received some injuries, and several of the barrels of alcohol were staved in and contents lost -Balt. Pat.

The Topeka Movement Abandoned. The Topeka humbug seems at last to have exploded. As it never had any legal validity, it has been kept affoat merely because it served as the rallying point of a political party. But it is now openly abandoned by those who have hithert; professed to regard it as the only legitimate government in Kansas. We find in the Missouri Democrat an address issued by a joint committee of the two branches of the Topeka Legislature, in which they say:

"High executive officers under the State constitution have publicly declared that the constitution is dead. Discouraged, many members of each body have gone home and left us without a quorum. We are still ready to perform our duties, should the will of the majority desire it. Should a trying hour for the people of Kansas arrive, by the accentance of the Lecompton constitution by Con gress, we shall be at our posts, should the people in convention decide to fall back on their old government. We are thus compelled, by a necessity that leaves us no choice, to adjourn for the present, and to refer back to the people who elected us, the question as to whether the Topeka constitu-

This is probably the last we shall hear of the Topeka State government

Prayer-Meetings in Stores.

We understand (says the New York Tribune) that in connection with the stores and counting-rooms of several of our most prominent merchants, private praver-meetings have recently been organized for the benefit of the clerks and other employees. They are held in some retired place in the building, secure from public intrusion, and bave been of great interest and profit to those who bave attended. Some years ago, a young man from New England came to this city, and was employed as a clerk in a large dry-goods house, down-town. Shortly after his engagement, he came to his employer with the statement that some of the clerks were seriously interested in the subject of personal piety, and requested that a small upper room in the to be used exclusively as a place of retirement to which the various individuals connected with the establishment might resort for religious conversation, reading of the Scriptures, and prayer. This request was immediately granted, and the room was used for years for this only purpose, resulting in the conversion of a large number of the perone who, during that time, came in and went out of the establishment. The similar facts to which we have just referred are an indication that the present prevalent revival is taking an unusually strong hold upon the mercantile community.

The late Affair in Palestine. The correspondent of the London Times, writing from Alexandria on the 5th of February, 83 y8: -

"The United States corvette Constellation, after a sojourn here of about 10 days, has taken her departure for Messina. It was at one time thought that she would first steer | inst., on which occasions she will be assiste for the coast of Syria, in order to give the support of her presence to the American consul general, who left for Jaffa a few days ago for the purpose of making an investigation into the circumstances attending an outrage of a most ruffianly nature upon an Ameri can missionary, stationed at Jaffa, and his family. This gentleman's house was broken nto during the night, he himself stunned by a blow on the head, his son-in-law killed, and his wife and daughter subjected to the grossest indignities at the hands of the assassins. The atrocity has been ascribed to an outbreak of Mahomedan fanaticism, but it seems as likely that it was merely an aggravated case of burglary, and Mr. De Leon, the United States consul, will no doubt find the Turkish authorities fully disposed to secand him in his efforts to trace out the authors of the crime, without the necessity of the years. He is about five feet six or seven threat that would be implied by the presence of a ship of war."

Mej. Gen. Mansfield, of the India Army. Sir Colin Campbell, the old Highlander, North. has a positive lust for danger and is never happy unless he can set near enough to hear the whiz of the bullets. General Mansfield, his right hand, keeps up a discipline to which verely. Forty out of sixty of them died of Indians are scarcely accustomed, insisting cold and starvation. Captain Marcy was that real succe-s can be obtained only by clock work precision, not by individual feats. the army, and was to return to Fort Budger | The other day he removed a superintending surgeon for being late with some duties, and escorted by a force competent to protect him a correspondent, who was present, says: "In February, ult., the following desc from the attacks of the Mormon guerrillas. the retreat from Lucknow the troops were handled as if they had been pieces on a chess board. A whole ser.es of movements were made to dovetail, even as to time-a feat, which in India, where passive resistance of circumstances is so strong, few men would attempt."

This young officer, who is at the head of the staff in India, being adjutant general of the forces, is, we understand, a grandson of the late Gen. Samuel Smith, of Baltimore .-Balt. Pat.

The Butcher of Cawnpore. About every mail from India now brings

us rumors of the capture of this monster,-Constitution, will contain a clause declaring but, somehow or other, the rumer is never that the people of the State may amend their confirmed. Nena is a hard fellow to capconstitution at any time they please, though ture, but, if the English do get hold of him, in doing so they violate a plain and emphat- we do not see how, having but one life, his the above reward if returned to me ic provision of the Constitution itsef. With death is going to appeare the hatred they so that I can get her.

TOTICE,-C. M. CASTLEMAN, has just received a large assortment of WOOD WARE, such as Hubs, Rims, Spokes, Shafts, Poles, &c., to which he invites the attention of min 6-

RESH PEACHES, another supply, just received, by R. H. STABLER, feb 8 No. 165, King-st., cor. of Washington. LOVER SEED .- Clover Seed, in store, and of or sale by [jan 30] DAN'L. F. HOOE.

Cumberland Items. We take the following items from the Cum-

berland Civilian :-DISASTROUS FIRE .- Oa Sunday night, about 11 o'clock, smoke was discovered issuing from the crevices of the store door of Mr. H

Rosenbach, in Hoffman's block, on Baltimore street. The doors were burst open, and the fire, after a good deal of exercion, was extinguished; not, however, before tha entire stock, consisting of dry goods to the amount of about \$7,000, was either consumed or completely damaged. The fire was certainly the work of an incendiary. Mr Rosenbach's stock is insured in the Baltimore Fire Insurance Company for \$5,000. A mystery is involved in the origin of this disaster, and it is hoped that it may yet be fore long be solved. COAL TRADE. - For the week ending 13th February there were shipped over the Cum-

sylvania road 349,02 tons; over the George's Creek Coal and Iron Company's road 1,915 17 tone; and over the Hampshire Coal and Iron Company's road 574.12 tons-making a total from the entire coal field, for the week, of 3,915 04 tons, and since the lat of January 28,602.13 tons.

FROZEN TO DEATH .- A Mrs. Jenkins, reher bed, on Friday evening last, frozen to death. She was given to intoxication. She leaves a family of several children.

BOAT BUILDING .-- In spite of the many drawbacks to the canal, boat building still continues tolerably brisk, and at this time our yards present a lively and gratifying appearance. New boats are rapidly going up and old ones are speedily repaired. We are informed that the number of boats to be brought into the coal carrying trade the spring will number over three hundred and fifty, all capable of carrying on an average 110 tons, and not drawing more water that the prescribed depth.

THE COLDEST WEATHER -- Last week was experienced the coldest weather we have hed this year. Ice has again formed upon our streams to about six inches thickness. On Sunday the weather moderated somewhat and yesterday we had a light fall of snow.

Wm. D. Scott, of Fauquier,

It gives us great pleasure to state to the numerous friends of this gentleman, that a man in the Legislature of Virginia, is more esteemed and respected than himself. His great modesty, high toned and honorable bearing, and his uniform politeness to a have won for him, hosts of friends of all pa ties in that body. An old and distinguished member of the Legislature, informed us while in Richmond, recently, that no young meaber exercised more influence in the House Delegates, than Mr. Scott. Since he to his seat in December last, he has worked on tinually for his constituents, and so well he he performed the trusts confided to him, the he will prove himself to be in the next onvass the strongest man in the democrat party of Fauquier. Opposed, politically though we be to Mr. Scott, still, it is ever pleasure to us to compliment deserving friends even if they are politically opposed us .- Warrenton Whig.

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distinguished artists. TIME HON. EDWARD EVERETT Will deliver his LECTURE ON WASHINGTON For the benefit of the Ladies' Mount Ve

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that I get him again. Culpeper Co., Va., mh 9-tf

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